

## IMPACT AID RESOURCES FOR 2014 APPLICATION

Do phrases like Source Check forms, 8003(b), Table 7, and IPP's have you feeling a bit confused? OPI is here to help!

In addition to the data sheets that will be published the first of January, Nicole Thuotte is available to help with the completion of other elements of the 2014 Impact Aid application. I have the tools to help with the following:

- Verifying district student counts
- Verifying Child Count numbers
- Parent/Pupil Surveys or Source Check forms
- Questions like child custody and parental employment
- Tuition In/Tuition Out
- Students relocated due to construction/renovation of housing on Indian lands
- IPP's (Indian Policies and Procedures)
- Setting up Infinite Campus District Edition schools to track Impact Aid students (functionality coming soon for MT Edition schools!)

Here are a few of the stumbling blocks frequently encountered by districts:

- Can I prefill a Parent/Pupil Survey form and just have the parent sign it?
  - NO – the only information a district can pre-populate is the student's name, grade, date of birth and school.
- Can I use one Parent/Pupil Survey form for every child in the same family?
  - NO – only one child may be claimed on each form. If there is more than one child in a family, each child must have a separate form.
- Can the district claim a child who is living with a relative on Indian land?
  - MAYBE – but only if the relative has legal custody of the student. The student's status is determined by the parent with primary, legal custody. If the student is living with a grandparent on the Cheyenne Indian Reservation, but the mother has custody, and is living in Billings, the district may NOT count the student as residing on Indian lands.
- If I only have half of the survey forms in should I wait until after the deadline to submit and take the 10% penalty?
  - NO – complete the application with what information you have and make corrections to the application later (changes can be submitted through September 30, 2013).
- Can I submit the application by the deadline and fax the signature page and IPP's the day after?
  - NO – the entire application, including the signature page and the IPP's must be received by the application deadline (keep a copy of your fax receipt or email delivery receipt confirmation).

- How often do IPP's need to be updated?
  - Districts must update their IPP's on an ANNUAL basis. This includes an opportunity for participation by parents and the tribe and board approval. The district may also submit a Tribal Waiver in lieu of the IPP, but it must be signed annually by the tribal chair.
- What students are included in the Tuition In/Tuition Out calculation?
  - ONLY students who you are either receiving money for or paying money out to another district are counted in the Tuition In/Tuition Out calculation. If your district has open enrollment with another district and there is no exchange of money, those students are NOT included in that calculation.

Please contact Nicole Thuotte at (406) 444-4524 or [nthuotte@mt.gov](mailto:nthuotte@mt.gov). I'm happy to help with any questions your district may have regarding your 2014 Impact Aid Application!!